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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on August 15, 2002, Applicant hereby submits a copy of a European Search Report that was mailed on December 9, 2004, with respect to patent family member European Patent Application No. EP 00 11 3784.3, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) United Kingdom Patent Application Publication No. GB 2 339 490;
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,611,024. Applicant notes that this document has already been made of record in the present application by the Examiner;
- (3) European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0 944 238;
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 4,855,839;

- (5) U.S. Patent No. 5,978,097;
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 4,727,435; and
- (7) International Patent Application Publication No. WO 97/02542.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the European Examiner are set forth in the European Search Report.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, then Applicant certifies documents (1) and (3)-(7) were first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filling of the Information Disclosure Statement, and thus no fee is required to ensure consideration of the submitted material. Applicant

additionally notes that document (2) has already been made of record in the present application and thus no fee is required to ensure its consideration.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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